

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Amenities Committee held at Loddon Hall, Twyford on Monday 6th October 2003 at 7.45pm.

Present Mrs L Dane (Chairman), Miss P Lawrence, Mrs G Wright, Mrs B Herbertson, Messrs K Hogg, D Hymers, Mr J Bowley, R Mantel.

In attendance: Mr J. March (Clerk).

1. **Apologies-** Mr A Parkin-White, Mr T Le Mare.
2. **Presentation by Trevor Watson and Jeni Jackson WDC Development Control.** Copy of presentation slides to be distributed to committee members.
3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda – none**
- 4 **Minutes of the meeting held 1st September 2003** – Mrs Wright proposed and Miss Lawrence seconded, approved unanimously.
- 5 **Matters Arising:**
 - 5.1 Enforcement of noise complaints by Environmental Health Officer – reply received detailing action that can be taken relating to planning approvals
 - 5.2 Attention to various village signs by WDC –letter received from WDC confirming action being taken,
 - 5.3 Condition of Colleton Drive carriageway noted by WDC but not considered bad enough for immediate attention.
 - 5.4 Phasing of traffic lights on crossroads –being worked on by WDC
 - 5.5 Repair to leaking stopcock by Thames Water – reply received, repair to be carried out.
 - 5.6 Position of traffic light pole in High St by Bell Corner – reported, awaiting response.
 - 5.7 Batching plant in Old Bath Rd – C Ferris chased but no reply received to date
 - 5.8 Name for footpath at rear of Wessex Gdns –still waiting for reply from S Conway
6. **Planning matters**
 - 6.1 **Current List:-**
 - 6.1.1 9587 Mulberry Mead
The new layout shows even smaller gardens than before and quite clearly demonstrates that four dwellings are too many for this site. The short gardens will be unneighbourly to the dwellings in Colleton Drive. The access is still the main problem being so close to the junction with Waltham Rd and too close to the bungalows that flank the entrance.
 - 6.1.2 9980 – 16 Colleton Drive
No comments on the porch. Object to the proposed wall. The estate was designed to be open plan and this proposal would be a departure from that and would create an undesirable precedent. The height and position on a road junction will be detrimental to the street scene. It will also serve to reduce the visibility of small children attending the nearby school to motorists.
 - 6.1.3 0040 – 56 Broadwater Rd
This house, we understand, has already been substantially extended and this proposal represents over development of the plot. The proposed first floor extension will be unneighbourly to no 58, which has a large landing window on that side. The proposal will severely reduce the light received by that window. There is insufficient off road parking to serve a five bedroomed house.

6.1.4 8716 – 8 London Rd

This is an improvement as far as the outward appearance is concerned but it makes the kitchen too small to be practical for a two bed roomed flat. The council is still concerned about deliveries to the shop, which will not be able to unload at the rear as at present. The council still believes that the proposed parking is inadequate for three two bed roomed flats and a large shop. It also means the complete loss of customer parking. It should be noted that the current occupants of the shop are leaving and it is not yet known what the use of the new premises might be.

6.1.5 0061 – 18 Wagtail Close

The extension is forward of the building line and will look particularly obtrusive in the street scene alongside nos 17 and 16. The side extension is also forward of the building line and will reduce sight lines for motorists on what is a difficult bend to negotiate because of illegal parking that is rarely penalised. The council is concerned that the dimensions shown may not be entirely accurate. Certainly a visible inspection gives the impression that the remaining drive will not be long enough for a large car, The council requests that any permission is made conditional on this extension not being used as a separate dwelling such as a granny flat or rented bed sit.

6.1.6 0002 – land adjoining 15 Lincoln Gdns.

The council objects as they did not want a dwelling this close to the recreation ground and they can see no reason to approve this.

6.1.7 9784 – 39 Amberley Drive – no comment

6.1.8 0052 – 26 The Old Bakehouse High St – no comment.

6.1.9 0077 – 27 Springfield Park – No comment

6.2 Notices of refusal

9723 – Land to rear of 6 Church St Twyford.

6.3 Other planning matters:-

6.3.1 Meeting of WDC development Control Committee 10th September 2003 - noted

6.3.2 Meeting of WDC development Control Committee 1st October 2003 –noted

6.3.3 Building work has been started at 68 Wargrave Rd without planning approval. Reported to WDC who have passed details on to an enforcement officer. Ref 6700.

7 Footway Lighting

7.1 Repair and fault report -

Parish – Columns 38 Orchard Estate – outage

Column 36 Ruscombe Rd – outage

New column in Orchard Estate needs painting and numbering.

WDC – Outside 28/29 Cotterell Gdns – daylight burning – still on

Columns 8,9,19 Wargrave Rd – outages.

Column 17 Wargrave Rd – daylight burner

7.2 Condition of lighting columns – committee members asked to check the columns they are listed as being responsible for and report back to the next meeting if they require painting or any other work – carried forward to next meeting

8 General Amenity Matters:

8.1 Meeting with Chris Hamilton Head of Libraries and Lifetime Learning – report on items discussed to be given by L. Dane at full council meeting on 21st October.

9 Highways

- 9.1 Potholes update – none
- 9.2 WDC – Carriageway and footway resurfacing programme for 2004/05 – comments about condition of roads and footways required by 20th October. Clerk to report the poor condition of the footpath in London Rd from Waitrose to the parish boundary. Councillors asked to pass any comments on any other locations to the clerk so he can reply by the above date.
- 10. Correspondence:**
 - 10.1 Letter from resident of Harrison Close regarding extension of footpath – noted. To be dealt with by WDC
 - 10.2 News and information from Thames Valley Police – noted, copy to be circulated to committee members.
- 11. Twyford News** – Has been printed and will be distributed at the end of this week commencing 5th October 2003.
- 12. Date of next meeting – Monday 3rd November 2003**

The meeting closed at 9.55pm